Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Friday 25 Aug 2023 until 23:59 on Saturday 26 Aug 2023

Forecast Issued on Thursday 24 Aug 2023 at 14:13 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for changeable weather continuing over the next few days.

Headline for Friday 25 Aug 2023: Rather cloudy. Showers, some heavy, possibly thundery, prolonged over north Highlands.

Mountain weather hazards on Friday 25 Aug 2023

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
No Likelihood

Poor visibility
Low Likelihood

Thunderstorms
Low Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
Low Likelihood

Strong sunlight
Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Light rain showers (night)	Light rain showers (night)	Light rain	Heavy rain showers	Heavy rain showers	Heavy rain showers	Heavy rain showers	Light rain showers (night)
Precipitation probability							
40%	40%	60%	60%	60%	40%	30%	30%

Forecast for Friday 25 Aug 2023

Weather: Rather cloudy with showers becoming more frequent during Friday. The showers will become heavy at times with small risk of thunderstorms, and prolonged at times over north Highlands. Fewer showers with brighter skies over hills towards the Great Glen.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 50%

Low cloud and visibility: Between showers the visibility will be good with fairly extensive cloud cover above about 700 to 800m. Marked reductions to poor visibility as heavier showers come along and in more persistent rain in north, with extensive clouds lower down the hills.

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Forecast for Friday 25 Aug 2023

Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	6/8 NE	9/12 N	11/14 N	12/16 N	16/23 N	23/32 N	22/30 N	20/27 NW	15/21 N
900	6/8 NE	8/11 N	10/13 N	11/16 N	15/22 N	22/31 N	21/29 N	20/27 NW	14/20 N
600	4/6 NE	5/8 N	6/9 N	9/13 N	13/20 N	17/25 N	16/24 N	14/21 NW	11/17 N
300	2/7 NE	3/10 N	2/10 N	6/14 N	7/20 N	10/26 N	9/25 N	7/22 NW	5/17 N
Glen	5/8 NE	4/8 N	5/11 N	5/11 N	7/16 NW	15/29 N	13/26 N	11/23 N	8/17 N

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	5/3	4/1	5/1	6/2	6/3	6/2	6/1	6/2	6/3
900	6/4	5/2	5/2	6/3	7/4	7/3	7/2	7/2	7/4
600	8/7	7/6	7/6	8/6	9/7	9/6	9/6	9/6	9/7
300	10/9	9/8	9/9	11/10	11/10	11/10	11/9	10/9	11/10
Glen	12/11	11/11	12/11	13/13	14/13	14/12	14/11	13/11	14/12
Freezing Level*	1800m	1800m	1800m	1900m	2000m	2000m	2000m	2000m	2000m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
It will continue to feel quite cold over higher ridges and summits, especially in afternoon as winds strengthen.

Forecast for Saturday 26 Aug 2023
Weather: Rather cloudy in the morning with further showers, most frequent over north Highlands. Showers will become fewer in the afternoon with brighter skies and lengthy dry spells.

Maximum wind: Fresh northerly winds, average speeds of 15 to 20mph, gusts 30mph on tops.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 70%

Low cloud and visibility: Away from showers, very good visibility with occasional cloud cover above about 700 to 800m. Brief interruptions to poorer visibility as showers pass by in the morning with lower cloud bases.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 8 Celsius rising to 16 Celsius.
At 800m: Plus 8 Celsius.
Freezing level: Above the summits.

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